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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner,
Food and Drug Administration,
5600, Fishers Lane, H/F-1
Rockville, MD 20857.

Dear Commissioner Henney

I am writing as I am particularly concerned about the safety of the food I eat. I believe it is my right as a consumer to know if the food I am eating has been genetically altered. These foods would seem to pose unknown risks to the environment, family farmers and to my health and the health of my family.

In May, a lawsuit was filed challenging the FDA's policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. I am writing in support of the demands of this lawsuit for safety testing and complete and prominent labeling. Consumers should not be made unknowing guinea pigs in the industries experiments with potentially dangerous foods. I am eager to hear that the FDA is living up to its mandate to protect public health, and will consequently provide consumers with the information we want about the food we eat.

Sincerely

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